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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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FROM: Kika de la Garza

WASHINGTON, D C--Rep Kika de la Garza said Thursday that the informal nature of the meetings to be held next week between South Texas citizens and Interstate Commerce Commissioner Dale W Hardin is designed to elicit a maximum of information about freight rates for our area.

Commissioner Hardin will hold an informal meeting in Harlingen in the Chamber of Commerce Directors room on Monday beginning at 1:30 p.m., and in Alice at Wayne's Restaurant on Tuesday beginning at 10 a.m.

"I have sought these informal meetings in order to give our people an opportunity to provide firsthand information to Commissioner Hardin about a matter of vital economic concern to the 15th Congressional District", Rep de la Garza said. "What we need to do is tell about the problem where it will count and that's the purpose of these meetings."

The South Texas Congressman last year introduced in the House of Representatives a bill providing for an investigation by the Interstate Commerce Commission of rail shipment rates to and from South Texas.

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